

Peter Mulvehill House
Westmont Neighborhood
212 Mifflin Street
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 212 Mifflin Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: A spacious free-standing, two-and-a-half story, two-bay single-family residence. Wood frame, horizontal wood exterior on the first and second stories with fish-scale shingles in the gable. Gambrel front roof. Hipped-roof front porch supported by slender columns connected by a short balustrade. Wooden lattice-work below the porch which covers the original stone foundation. Shed-roofed two-story addition on back.

History: One of the oldest private residences built in Westmont. Peter Mulvehill purchased this property from the Cambria Iron Company on July 13, 1893, for \$900. According to tax assessment records in 1895, there was a house on the property. The 1900 U.S. Census states that Mulvehill was a day laborer and was born in Ireland.

Sources:

Deed Vol. 95, p. 175; Vol. 197, p. 307, Vol. 208, p. 206; Vol. 278, p. 206; Vol. 278, p. 183; Vol. 281, p. 248; Vol. 284, p. 586; Vol. 585, p. 123; and Vol. 687, p. 162. Cambria County Courthouse Registry of Deeds, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

United States Census, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, 1900. Microfilm on file at David A. Glosser Memorial Library, Johnstown, Pa.

Westmont Borough Tax assessment records for 1895. Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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This report was prepared by Cheryl Powell in August 1988 under the direction of Alison K. Hoagland, HABS historian, and Kim E. Wallace, the supervisory historian of the project. Powell's and other project historians' work was published as The Character of a Steel Mill City: Four Historic Neighborhoods of Johnstown, Pennsylvania (Washington, D.C.: HABS/HAER, National Park Service, 1989), edited by Kim E. Wallace. Illustrations in the publication include large format photographs taken by HAER photographer Jet Lowe and 35 mm photographs taken by the project historians.